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September 25, 2014

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Dear Ms. Barber-Brancamp:

COMMUNITY RECIDIVISM REDUCTION GRANT (BUDGET ACT OF 2014)

On September 16, 2014, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved acceptance of the \$1.6 million Community Recidivism Reduction Grant.

The County's Community Corrections Partnership, also known as the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT), will develop a local community recidivism reduction grant program. The PSRT, pursuant to Penal Code 1233.10, will establish minimum requirements, funding criteria, grant award limits (not to exceed \$100,000 per provider), and a competitive bid process.

Qualified community-based providers must provide recidivism and crime reduction services to persons who have been released from State prison, a county jail, or a juvenile detention facility; who are under the supervision of a parole or probation department; or who are at risk of becoming involved in criminal activities. Community recidivism and crime reduction services may include, but are not limited to, delinquency prevention, homelessness prevention, and reentry services. The PSRT will provide annual reports to the Board of State and Community Corrections commencing on July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2018.

Minutes of the September 16, 2014, meeting of the Board of Supervisors, at which this award was accepted, are forthcoming. Should you have any questions, please call Mark Delgado, Executive Director, Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee at (213) 974-8399.

Sincerely,

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October 31, 2014

TO: Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman
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FROM: Jerry E. Powers, Chief Probation Officer *J.P. (AB)*
Chair, Public Safety Realignment Team
Mark Delgado, Executive Director *MD*
Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

SUBJECT: **Utilization of \$1.6 million Recidivism Reduction Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (Item No. 12 – September 16, 2014 Agenda)**

On September 16, 2014, your Board approved a motion to accept a \$1.6 million Recidivism Reduction Grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). The grant program was established by the State to support counties' efforts to reduce recidivism, facilitate reentry, and reduce crime.

In the approved motion, your Board directed the County's Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT) to report back with the plan for utilizing grant funds and for evaluating outcomes. Your Board also specified that 25 percent of the grant should be allocated to combating the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) and that 75 percent of the funds should support adult recidivism reduction programs.

This report summarizes the grant program requirements and the plan for grant utilization that was developed following discussion with PSRT members and other stakeholders.

RECIDIVISM REDUCTION GRANT BACKGROUND

The California State Budget Act of 2014 allocated \$8 million to the BSCC to implement the Community Recidivism Reduction Grant program. Population-based grant allocations are established in Penal Code Section 1233.10. Los Angeles County's allocation is \$1.6 million.

Grants are one-time awards, and funding received must be disbursed by counties through a competitive process to nongovernmental entities providing community recidivism and crime reduction services. The maximum award that can be made to any one provider is \$100,000.

Funds must be expended within four years of the grant award date, after which time any unspent funds revert to the state. Furthermore, funds not encumbered with a provider one year after the allocation of a grant award to a county revert to the state. BSCC has not specified when awards will be made to the County, but it is anticipated that grants will be made this calendar year.

PROPOSED GRANT UTILIZATION PLAN

Wraparound Services for CSEC Impacted Youth (\$400,000)

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Probation, the District Attorney's Office, law enforcement agencies, and other stakeholders partner on various County efforts to combat CSEC. Following discussion and coordination with DCFS management, PSRT proposes to utilize \$400,000 to fund the provision of specialized CSEC wraparound services to victimized youth and their families. Wraparound services would provide clients with services to support their recovery and help prevent further victimization. Services may include, but are not limited to:

- Mental health treatment
- Substance use disorder treatment
- After school programming
- One-on-one support programs
- Peer counseling
- Group counseling
- Behavior modification

Enhancement/Benefit

While wraparound services are currently available through both the dependency and delinquency systems, this grant will allow the County to implement specialized wraparound services designed to serve CSEC victims. Providers will have staff specially trained to work with CSEC victims and will also be required to employ or contract with CSEC survivors as part of their teams to help guide and inform the services provided.

Specialized wraparound services will be made available to victims and families referred by DCFS, Probation, and the District Attorney's First Step prosecutorial diversion program. This will ensure the program's ability to coordinate with and leverage existing County efforts.

Implementation Process

DCFS will procure four providers of specialized CSEC wraparound services in a manner consistent with grant requirements. Each provider will serve clients in two Service Planning Areas (SPAs) to ensure the availability of services throughout all regions of the County. With a maximum contract amount of \$100,000 per provider, funding will enable providers to serve eight to 10 families during a proposed two-year performance period following your Board's approval of the provider contracts. It is anticipated that each youth and family connected to the program would be served for approximately six to 12 months, depending on the level of services needed.

System Navigation/Case Management Services (\$1.2 million)

PSRT proposes to use \$1.2 million to fund systems navigation services for adults on community supervision or reentering the community following a period of incarceration. Systems navigators

provide a variety of services associated with case management and reentry support. Navigators work with individuals to identify service needs, develop service plans, coordinate the provision of services, and follow up on service delivery. System navigators help with issues such as:

- Securing vital records
- Benefits eligibility determination and enrollment
- Linkages to medical, dental, or mental health services
- Education, vocational, and employment support
- Supportive services, such as food, housing, and clothing

Navigators do not engage in therapy or focus on direct service to clients. Instead, they actively support individuals' linkages to service, help remove barriers to reentry supports, and follow up to ensure that access to services has been realized.

Enhancement/Benefit

Systems navigation services can help improve reentry outcomes. AB 109 provides funding for the provision of services to individuals on supervision to the County under realignment. However, systems navigation services are not available to non-AB 109 justice-involved individuals. Probation proposes that this grant fund systems navigation services for the non-AB 109 population.

Implementation Process

The Probation Department will procure 12 community based organizations (CBOs) to provide systems navigation services to the targeted population in a manner consistent with grant requirements. Probation will award at least one contract in each SPA to ensure the availability of services countywide. Contractors will co-locate one systems navigator in a Probation Area Office and/or identify CBO sites within the SPAs where the systems navigators can be housed to render services to the targeted population.

With a maximum contract amount of \$100,000 per provider, funding would allow each contractor to provide approximately five hours of services to a minimum of 400 clients. The expected performance period for the delivery of systems navigation services is one year.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND EVALUATION PROCESS

DCFS and Probation will manage the contracts for the proposed services. As allowed by statute, five percent of the grant award will be used for administrative costs related to procurement processes and contract monitoring responsibilities (\$20,000 for DCFS and \$60,000 for Probation).

Pursuant to PC 1233.10, community service providers that receive funding from the County must annually report to the County the number of individuals served and the types of services provided. The County must then report that information to the BSCC on or before July 1, 2015, and each year thereafter until the final reporting date of July 1, 2018. CCJCC will work with DCFS and Probation to coordinate this annual submission.

In addition, DCFS and Probation have identified other performance measures the County will capture to assess the effectiveness of these services. Initial measures for CSEC wraparound services include the intervention's impact on participating youths':

- number of placements
- length of stay/stability in placement or home
- length of time until exit to permanency or reunification
- number of contacts with law enforcement
- scholastic stability
- successful linkage to identified service needs (e.g. mental and physical health services, crisis response, educational assistance, vocational training)

Initial measures for systems navigation services include:

- the number of participants receiving a service plan
- the number of participants receiving assistance in completing and submitting required forms for eligible public benefits
- the number of participants successfully linked to identified needed services

Finally, in addition to capturing data on these performance measures, an independent evaluation will be conducted to determine the programs' effect on clients' well-being, recidivism, and public safety. The establishment of a Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Master Agreement (MA) with qualified vendors will be presented to your Board for approval on November 18, 2014 by CCJCC. Subject to your Board's approval of the MA, it will be utilized to contract with a vendor or vendors to evaluate the impact of these services.

CONCLUSION

As directed by your Board's September 16th action, this utilization plan supports efforts to combat CSEC and promote adult reentry success. DCFS and Probation are prepared to initiate their respective procurement processes upon formal award of the grant from the BSCC to ensure that contracts with community providers are finalized within the required 12-month period.

If you have any questions about this utilization plan or the grant program, please contact Mark Delgado, Executive Director of CCJCC, at (213) 974-8399; Deputy Chief Probation Officer Reaver Bingham at (562) 940-2513; or DCFS Senior Deputy Director Diane Iglesias at (213) 351-5711.

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